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The Rochester Game

The exhibition of basketball in the Gym. last Friday was poor at best. Rochester undoubtedly has one of the fastest teams in the vicinity, but the 'Varsity outplayed them at times. Time and again, however, our men were weak in passings and this lost them the game. Cassidy was the star of the Rochester aggregation, scoring seven baskets in all. B. Ramaker was also good, while Harmon missed the ring but once in nine free throws. Roenke had a hard proposition in Cassidy's dribbling, and although Dr. Stroud may have been over-nice in several instances, Roenke should have avoided being penalized so heavily. Welch was under a cloud, his floor work hardly atoning for poor passing. Allen shot baskets and fouls well, and Wilson and Sherwin each threw two goals. Wilson's steady work at guard and Allen's eye for fouls were the only commendable hits of play for Hamilton. The line-up:

ROCHESTER 34.	HAMILTON 25.
Left Forward.	
Cassidy.	Welch.
Right Forward.	
Harmon.	Allen.
Center.	
B. Ramaker.	Sherwin.
Left Guard.	
Grant.	Roenke.
Right Guard.	
G. Ramaker.	Wilson.

Goals—Wilson 2, Sherwin 2, Allen 4, Cassidy 7, B. Ramaker 4, G. Ramaker, Harmon.

Fouls—Allen 7, Harmon 8. Called on Rochester for pushing player about to shoot 2. Referee, Prof. Sicard; Umpire, Dr. Stroud.

Dr. Davenport on Lincoln

Last Sunday evening Dr. Davenport spoke at Utica on "The Human Nature of Abraham Lincoln."

The speaker first brought out the influence of Lincoln's mother upon his whole life. The rail-splitting experience, the period as deck hand on a Mississippi flatboat, the clerk in the store, the law student reading by the fire-light, the appearance in Congress championing a bill to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, the contest with Douglas, defeated for a moment, then lifted by a popular flood to a position in a crisis, the most honorable in the gift of men, the four years of bearing the brunt of the battle until victory came and he stood with four million broken fetters in his good right hand—all these were touched upon with a quiet impressiveness.

With many allusions to the varied experiences of Lincoln's public and private life, Dr. Davenport portrayed the dominant characteristics of the nature of the third great man of the people—his honesty, practical wisdom, humor, unselfishness and fairness. Lastly his ability to grasp public opinion and then to so follow that opinion as to seem to lead the people, was illustrated and his gentle but firm disposition to do what he believed was right was emphasized. But in the last analysis Lincoln was masterful because he relied on Almighty God. He drew close to the throne of God and listened to His command when weighed down with responsibilities. With his it became God's cause and God's work, and "the first American" was God's man. His fame will grow brighter as years pass, and while we may build monuments to his memory, he needs them not, for he is enshrined in the hearts of four millions of the free.

The address made a deep impression and many compliments were extended to Dr. Davenport. He delivered his lecture before the Rome Republican Club Wednesday night.

The Musical Clubs' Trip

On Wednesday of last week the Musical Clubs left the Hill for what proved to be one of the best mid-term trips ever undertaken by our Clubs. It was in a measure unfortunate that the trip came in the midst of one of the largest snowfalls for years, which was especially heavy in the locality visited. This fact is largely responsible for the slight financial deficiency reported by the management. At every place it was impossible for anyone to attend the concerts who lived at a distance from the halls.

That all trains were late can well be imagined. Leaving Utica on a delayed train, the Clubs reached Camden as the audience was already assembling. With great promptness the first number was given not much after scheduled time. As in each place, encores were generously responded to, making the programme actually more than twice as long as printed. Following the concert a reception was given in Curtiss Hall, which was one of the most enjoyable social functions of the trip. The men were entertained entirely by townspeople.

Thursday began unpropitiously; trains were taken off or stalled; and opinion was divided whether it would be possible to reach Watertown that day. But after a wait of several hours the first and only train wallowed through and took the Clubs safely to their northern-most engagement. Probably the most successful concert was given at Watertown in the Orpheum

Theater. This may have been occasioned by the enthusiasm with which Weekes was received by his townsmen in his popular "Das Schone Garten."

Boonville was the next stop. A small but appreciative audience greeted the Clubs here, and the ever popular quartette was called back until, some claim, they were nervous lest their "inexhaustible" repertoire should be overtaxed. An informal party was given by the High School students, under whose auspices the Clubs were in Boonville.

Inability to make the desired dates necessitated the doubling back north to Lowville on Saturday. The men felt assured of a warm reception here and in that they were not disappointed. The Lowville Club House was thrown open to them, with its splendid appointments and accommodations, for solid comfort and enjoyment. A reception was tendered the Clubs after the concert. The only regret about this party that anyone could possibly have is that it necessarily had to be made short, as it was Saturday night.

A trip of this sort cannot fail to leave the most pleasant recollections in the minds of those who took it, and if a good impression has been left in the towns visited we do not hesitate to call it successful, though entailing financial loss. It was unfortunate htat Adams, '08, was unable on account of sickness to be with the Clubs, but Allen, '08, filled his position as leader of the Instrumental Club efficiently.

An idea about what outsiders think of the entertainments given last week may be gathered from the following clippings:

The Camden Advance-Journal said on February 6:

"Notwithstanding that a furious blizzard prevailed last evening, the Hamilton College Musical Clubs drew a good-sized audience to the opera house, and as a result of the entertainment the coffers of the C. H. S. Athletic Association, under whose auspices the concert was given, are swelled by a gratifying amount. In every sense the affair was a pleasing success. It is evident the house would have been packed had favorable weather been granted for the occasion. And, too, a more delighted audience has not stepped forth from the local play house in a long time than waded homeward through the drifts last night. The programme was captivating from first to last, and both vocal and instrumental numbers were most creditably rendered. Twelve numbers were given with a snap and dash seldom seen in an amateur organization. The quartette masquerading under the pseudonym 'The Foolish Four' scored the biggest success. Messrs. Simmons, Hastings, Sicard and White were the singers and were compelled to appear time and again until a total of ten encores were sung. Mr. Weekes, in his 'stunt' solo 'Das Schone Garten,' was also enthusiastically received and had to respond to two encores before the audience began to be satisfied. Mr. Sarles came to us with a wide reputation to sustain. He is said to be the best soloist on the college stage to-day and few thought this an exaggeration when they heard him last night. Mr. Hastings, although handicapped by a severe cold, acquitted himself well. The Glee Club would be welcomed again. They are due in Watertown to-night, but it is doubtful if they can meet their date."

The following is from the Watertown Times of February 7:

"The Hamilton College Glee and Instrumental Clubs gave a most appreciated entertainment at the Orpheum last evening to a good-sized house and scored another well-earned triumph. The programme consisted of twelve numbers, to which were added almost innumerable encores. Ernest Weekes, a local boy, made one of the big hits of the evening with his song 'Das Schone Garten,' in which he was accompanied by the Glee Club. He was recalled several times, responding the first time with 'Johnny Schmoker.' Mr. Sarles had one of the best songs of the entertainment in 'Sad Is Her Lot,' from Pinafore, and the campus medley bringing in both college and popular songs was very well received. For excellence throughout the concert last evening has seldom, if ever, been bettered in this city."

Address by Dr. Stryker

At the banquet of the men of the First Presbyterian Church,Utica, held on February 12, Dr. Stryker responded to the toast "The Influence of Lincoln on American Statesmanship." After he had received a hearty welcome, Dr. Stryker characterized Lincoln as the most interesting man who ever lived in America. He is preeminent and needs no eulogy, yet he is so near a personal friend. He is a standing rebuke to snobbery and to pharasaical false pride. Lincoln was great not so much in what he differed, but in what he shared. He is the typical commoner of the world. Amid all the abuse which was heaped upon him, his great soul stood like a tower amid the wind and rain. First among his personal traits was his sympathy. His judgment was keen and thorough, and his insight into human nature deep. His humility was marvelous. It was his influence on American statesmanship that created a moral atmosphere in the national affairs of this country. His influence shall not pass from this land so long as we read our story. He had not only the courage to strike at the critical hour, but to wait and endure and suffer until the time came. Lincoln, in spirit, in feeling, in action and life was the typical Democrat of all the years of our land. We give the lie direct to those who lay stress on heredity and environment. He rested his cause and his case with the people and that is Democracy. With straining back and bloody sweat Lincoln brought forth the capstone and laid it on the structure reared by Hamilton, and he set that stone fast forever. He was the first American.

—The French Club met with Prof. Shepard Thursday evening.

—At a meeting of the Freshman Class held Monday in the Chapel Martin was elected captain of the 1911 wrestling team.

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IT IS A NOTICEABLE FACT THAT the Freshmen on meeting other members of the College are backward in their greeting. It is their place to speak first and they should not wait until the other fellow speaks but at once be out with a cordial "Hello." Whether this is due to indifference or reserve, the fault is there. By this time all of us should be well acquainted and there seems to be no excuse for their lack of cordiality. The Hamilton good-fellowship and unity are the chief delights of life on the Hill and the Hamilton "Hello" is one of the first means of expressing it. The Freshman cannot afford to neglect this.

THE DISAGREEABLE FEATURE which marred the pleasure of the Rochester game was the hissing at the decisions of the umpire. He may have made some partial decisions, but the hissing which greeted them helped the matter in *no* way. Viewed from any standpoint such action can only be severely condemned. It does not befit men of the college age to give free rein to their feelings in this manner. So long as an official is an official we ought to stand by his decisions, no matter how unpopular they may be. If we are to continue this practice we shall soon bid good-bye to our reputation for fair play and true sportsmanship. We may lose, but let's do it squarely. Any such demonstration of feeling as that which occurred last Friday night, small though it may be, reflects upon the college and that is the one thing that we cannot afford to permit.

We are not children or rowdies, but college men. Then let us act as such men should

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HAMILTON HAS NEVER LACKED MEN to sing her praises. There have always been many ardent in her laud and these men, whether by coincidence or cause and effect, have almost without exception been the best of her sons. Their loves have found many modes of expression; the College is a monument to their methods. Their written affection is unapproached in sincerity and intensity anywhere in the country. To a man of another college, a Hamilton man's unsquelchable 'Hamilton this and that' may sound foolish; but he does not know. And yet when a man from another college becomes in any degree familiar with the Hiil, he invariably joins the chorus.

The proof of this folows: An old Williams man whom we all know has recently said this: "It is unnecessary for me to say that I take a deep interest in Hamilton and her loyal sons and if it were a question of sentiment, I would jump at a chance to go to the Hill . . . I like your College so well and your fine class of fellows that I am thinking of sending my brother there . . . You might naturally wonder why I do not send him to Williams but I deem it advisable that he go to a college farther from home and next to Williams, Hamilton is my choice.' A man who has a great love for his own Alma Mater and a very wide acquaintance with the colleges of the country thinks *that* of Hamilton.

WITH JUNIOR SO NEAR a word or two in its behalf becomes excusable. As usual it is to represent the sincerely best efforts of the Junior Class, and as such deserves the ready, enthusiastic support of every one who assumes an interest in the College activities. Every event of this exceptionally well filled "week" is accessible and attractive; the program for the three days is complete and consecutive without being exacting, is more varied and promising than ever before. Contrary to the recently expressed suggestion, the members of the Prom Committee have agreed to provide for no margin of expenditure, preferring to meet any difference out of their own pockets rather than skimp on any detail of the dance. Surely, this earnest effort after the "best ever" should receive recognition and support as substantial.

Junior Whist

The Juniors were entertained at whist Wednesday evening by the Emersonian Literary Society. After the interest in the game had somewhat passed, lunch was served, and later mountains of doughnuts and popcorn were lubricated to safe storage by cider which was pronounced "fine." The barn dance was practiced by an awkward squad and the revel took its usual form of story and song until the basketball players for the sake of training and the glee club men from weariness ended the jollity and shook hands with their proficient entertainers.

Reception

Prof. and Mrs. Fitch delightfully entertained at an informal tea on Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Ebeling poured.

The Rome Concert

Last Tuesday evening the Musical Clubs gave a concert at Seegar's Academy in Rome. This was the first appearance of the Hamilton Musical Clubs in Rome for some time, which probably accounted for the rather slim attendance. Though not a success financially, it proved very satisfactory otherwise. The Glee Club sang exceptionally well, giving all its numbers in first-class order. The new 1908 Tutti-Frutti seemed to

take especially well. The Instrumental Club lived up to its reputation, and though greatly handicapped by the loss of its leader, was admirably conducted by Allen, '08.

After the concert a dance was given for the clubs, which was greatly enjoyed until one o'clock.

Treasurer's Report

Following is the Treasurer's report of the Hamilton College Athletic Association from January 10, 1907, to January 1, 1908:

	Receipts.	Exp.
General Fund....	$139.50	$109.38
Bal. on hand...		30.12
Football	2,009.04	1,468.74
Bal. on hand...		540.30
Basketball	643.12	458.76
Bal. on hand...		184.34
Musical Clubs....	762.52	410.82
Bal. on hand...		291.70
Tennis	79.46	60.25
Bal. on hand...		19.21
Baseball	637.98	708.00
Deficit	70.02	
Track	335.60	323.11
Bal. on hand...		12.49

BANK ACCOUNT

Deposited in Clinton Bank	$ 601.32
Deposited with Utica Trust Co.	406.82
Total Amt. on Deposit	$1008.14

SUMMARY

	Surplus	Deficit
General Fund	$ 30.12	
Football	540.30	
Basketball	184.34	
Musical Clubs	291.70	
Tennis	19.21	
Baseball		70.02
Track	12.49	
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	70.02	
Total amt. on hand	$1008.14	

By W. J. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Y. M. C. A. Notes

The Mission Study Class conducted by Weekes, '08, is proving to be an interesting department. By virtue of having had some experience in settlement work, the leader is able to know something of existing conditions and the present need. The scheme for the next thre weeks' study follows:

Feb. 15. Children. This discussion will include their playgrounds, home life, schooling, amusements and the outlook for them in the future.

Feb. 22. Men's and Women's Clubs. This will include a consideration of their use, abuse, and their effect upon the individual and the community.

Feb. 29. The Work of the Settlement. All the different aspects of this work will be touched upon, including the nurseries, kindergartens, cooking school, gymnasium, clubs, outings, probation work, and the life of the workers.

It is probable that Mr. Zimmerman, the evangelist, who has been conducting services in the Stone Church during the present week, will speak tomorrow in the Y. M. C. A.

A Rich Musical Treat

The Skenandoa Club, of Clinton, held its annual banquet in Society Hall last evening. The programme of speakers included Hon. J. S. Sherman, '78; Hon. Warren I. Lee, '99; Louis Ehret, '04; and Hon. Merwin K. Hart, of Utica. A quartet composed of Roseboom, '08, Getman, Morgan and A. F. Osborn, '09, rendered *efficiently* some appropriate parodies. Johnson, 11, acted as acompanist.

Exchanges

—Harry Pulliam, president of the National League, has been relieved of the task of selecting umpires for the big college baseball games owing to the arbitrary way he picked officials displeasing to the student players. Harvard, Princeton and Yale took the initiative in depriving him of this honor, being disgusted by Pulliam's persistency in appointing men who had previously given dissatisfaction by their rulings on the diamond. Under the new system already inaugurated the managers of college teams will correspond until they agree on an umpire. The officials will not be picked from the staff of any particular league.

—Football relations between Cornell and Princeton have been severed for the season of 1908. The three-year agreement existing between the two universities expired last October and Princeton wished a new agreement for two years, both games to be played at New York. Cornell refused this and insisted upon a home and another game, which was rejected by the Princeton management. It is thought probable that either West Point or Syracuse will be taken on to supply this breach.

President Hadley of Yale stands up for America. In a lecture in Berlin on American University Life, he compared student life in Germany with that in America, summing up in favor of the latter which, he said, while providing the highest degre of mental development and discipline, also encouraged a healthy love of sport, thus supplying a tendency to the physical improvement of the students, which was lacking in European Universities.

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COLLEGE NOTES

—The Sophomore Class pipes are being duly initiated.

—Pratt, '08, is seriously ill with a combination of grip and jaundice.

—The D. T. Club had their annual picture taken Wednesday afternoon at Frey's.

—Prof. Ibbotson entertained the English Literature Club Wednesday evening.

—The Glee and Instrumental Clubs will give a concert in Butler Hall at New Hartford February 19th.

—All who are going out for assistant manager of baseball will please hand their names to Love, '09.

—Prof. Babcock will address the Farmers' Institute to be held in Clinton February 24th and 25th on the subject of "Forests and Forestry."

—The case of Allen & Hope against the Classes of '10 and '11 has been withdrawn from the courts, with a lawyers' charge of $6.75 per class.

—The Track management has been soliciting money this week to defray the expenses of sending the Relay Team to Troy the 26th of this month.

—The standing in the Freshman LIFE competition is as follows: Mitchell, Parry, Anibal Sidle, Gouge, Martin, Riley, Day, Flagler, Westcott, Willard.

—Union has chosen the negative of the question: "That our currency and banking system was the cause of the recent financial panic." It is to be debated March 11.

—Tickets for the Junior Play are on sale with Willoughby, '09, and the members of the Baseball management. The proceeds of the performance are to go to make up the deficit in the finances of the Baseball department.

ALUMNIANA

'72. Alfred L. Blair, of Brooklyn, the well-known newspaper writer and lecturer, will be the guest-of-honor at a public meeting of the Parents' and Teachers' Association to be held in the Auditorium of the Utica Free Academy Monday evening. He will discuss the topic, "Patriotism and the State: Our Duties to the Republic." Mr. Blair has been filling several appointments in this section recently, and a week ago afforded Uticans much pleasure by a lecture delivered in the Plymouth Congregational Church.

'00. William Ross Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel of Utica, delivered an eloquent and forceful address before the Men's Club of the South Street M. E. Church Wednesday evening. Mr. Lee took as the topic of his address the theme of Lincoln's favorite poem, "Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?" He made a direct attack upon the moneyed aristocracy of America and the purse-proud feeling of superiority which accompanies wealth in so many cases. He paid due tribute to the martyred President, whom he characterized as "mentally, spiritually, morally, the humblest, gentlest, greatest man this country has produced." His address was was brilliant and commanding and was enjoyed by many.

'07. C. M. Trippe, who lost a leg as a result of a coasting accident a year ago, was able to leave Faxton Hospital, Utica, last week and return to his home in Salamanca. Although he has undergone twenty operations, the wound is not entirely healed, but he hopes soon to be able to make use of an artificial limb.

Professor Ibbotson Lectures

On Monday, Prof. Ibbotson continued his lecture course with a consideration of the "Influence of Classical Literature Upon the Poetry of the Nineteenth Century. Prof. Ibbotson considered the influence of the classical forms, style and spirit upon the later poetry, first dealing with the subject of classical meters. The verse in Greek and Latin is measured, not by accents, but by quantities. Thus the whole effect of their rhythm is totally different from the rhythm of modern poetry. It is impossible, therefore, for any modern poet to write with any effect hexameters which resemble those of Homer. Twice in the history of English poetry has this been seriously attempted. The idea that English verse might be reproduced according to the rules which govern Greek and Latin poetry,is absurd as it would mean the practical recasting of English pronunciation.

There is, however, a second way in which the classical forms have been imitated in nineteenth century poetry, namely in the types and kinds of verse. The ode and Pindaric ode have been essayed while the classic idyll epic received due attention. The dramas of this period are closet dramas and mere imitations of the Greek and Elizabethan productions. Arnold and Swinbourne were distinguished by their imitation of the ancient classical drama.

In conclusion, Prof. Ibbotson answered the questions of the audience upon the subject.

—The basketball score last night was: Hamilton 38, Oberlin 28.

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